



CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Agenda

**REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MON, JULY 28, 2008
7:00P.M.**

OPENING MATTERS

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION: Pastor Franz Santiago, Hopewell Mennonite Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from Blacktop Basketball Association

Council Commendation

Mayoral Proclamation

- Recognizing Crime Alert Berks County on its 10th Anniversary

Police Department Presentation

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA MATTERS:

Citizens have the opportunity to address the Council, by registering with the City Clerk before the start of the meeting. All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or who shall become unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer, and may be barred from speaking before Council, unless permission to continue speaking is granted by the majority vote of Council.

All comments by the public shall be made from the speaker's podium. Citizens attending the meeting may not cross into the area beyond the podium. Any materials to be distributed to Council must be given to the City Clerk before the meeting is called to order.

Those commenting on agenda business shall speak at the beginning of the meeting and shall limit their remarks to 5 minutes. Those commenting on general matters shall speak after the legislative business is concluded and shall limit their remarks to 3 minutes. No comments shall be made from any other location except the podium, and anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal. There will be no demonstration at the conclusion of anyone's presentation. Citizens may not ask questions of Council members or other elected or public officials in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Tab 3. AGENDA: Council Meeting of July 28, 2008

MINUTES: Council Meeting of July 14, 2008

Consent Agenda Legislation

Resolution – directing Met-Ed Energy to upgrade a company owned street light fixture, from a 175 watt mercury vapor to a 100 watt high pressure sodium vapor on Pole #51062-37981, in front of 1730 North 10th St. **(Engineering)**

Resolution – directing Met-Ed Energy to install and provide energy to 4 company owned street light fixtures at in front of 718 Old Wyomissing Road, in front of 610 Old Wyomissing Road, in front of 1712 N. 10th Street, and in the rear of 1734 Rose Street **(Engineering)**

Resolution - directing Met-Ed Energy to install 6 company owned street light fixtures that will Provide energy and total maintenance to three (3) Company owned, 100-watt, high-pressure sodium vapor, cobrahead streetlights to be installed in front of 930 North 10th Street; across from 1205 Elm Street; at the corner of Orton and Arlington Streets within the City. And Provide energy and total maintenance to three (3) Company owned, 70-watt, high-pressure sodium vapor, cobrahead streetlights to be installed in the alley at North 15th and Palm Streets; in the alley behind 1622 North 15th Street; in the alley behind 1608 North 15th Street within the City. **(Engineering)**

Award of Contract - to Solid Waste Services, Inc., d/b/a J.P. Mascaro & Sons, 2650 Audubon Road, Audubon, PA, 19403, at \$101.44/ton for the removal, transportation and disposal of de-watered biosolids from Fritz Island, \$140.02/ton for all other categories of removal, and \$2.00/ton for the Environmental Liability Release for a three (3) year period. The total bid price for the three (3) year period is estimated to be \$1,515,619.50 (**Purchasing**)

Award of Contract - to GTS-Welco (PDMA), 5275 Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA 18107, who is the low bidder at the unit prices submitted. For installation and Rental of Bulk Oxygen Systems for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Sixth and Canal Street Pumping Station and the Supply of Oxygen for Both Locations for a One-Year Period for the Department of Public Works. The bid price for the remainder of 2008 is approximately \$65,776 (**Purchasing**)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

REPORT FROM OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR – External Audit Report presented by Herbein & Co.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS & BOARDS AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS

Tab 4. ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE

Bill No. 49-2008 – Storm Water Management (**Public Works/Solicitor**)
Introduced at the July 14 meeting

Bill No. 50-2008 – amending the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24 Taxation, Part 5 by adding a provision relating to the business privilege tax regulation's procedure for determining manufacturing exemptions and by adding a refund claim provision. (**Tax Division and Law Department**) *Introduced at the July 14 meeting*

Bill No. 51-2008 – Amending the 2008 Full-Time position Ordinance by reducing the number of police officers to 208 and the number of firefighters to 145. (**Council Pres. Spencer**) *Introduced at the July 14 meeting*

Pending
Advertisement and Public Hearing Required by MPC
Notice of Pending Ordinance Doctrine

Ordinance – amending the Zoning Ordinance by prohibiting rental uses in the R-1, R-1A and R-2 Zoning Districts (**Councilor Marmarou & Council Staff**)
Introduced at the March 24 regular meeting of Council

Ordinance - Amending The City Of Reading Zoning Ordinance Per Exhibit "A," To Create, Add And Define The Use Of Student Home As A Conditional Use And Requirements Therefor In The City Of Reading R-1a (Residential), R-1 (Residential) And R-2 (Residential) Zoning Districts And As A Permitted Use In R-3 (Residential) City of Reading Zoning Districts (**Public Safety Committee & Law Department**) *Introduced at the July 14 meeting; Public Hearing scheduled for Wed, Aug 20th at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers*

Pending – Further Review Required

Bill No. 26-2008 - amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reading, Chapter 1 – Section 1-186, 3, G, by adding a new (3) requiring Council approval for all expenditures, transfers and/or allocations from and/or to any and all Agency Funds and any and all line-items located in the Departmental: Non Departmental area of the General Fund (**Council Pres. Spencer- Council Staff**) *Introduced at the February 25 regular meeting; Tabled at the March 10 regular meeting; referred to the Finance Committee for review; Discussed at 4-7 Finance Committee; Tabled at the 4/14/08 Regular Meeting*

Bill No. 49-2008 - amending the FY 2006-2012 capital improvement plan for the City of Reading (**Finance Department**) *Introduced at the June 23 regular meeting; Referred to the Finance & Public Works Committees*

Tab 6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ORDINANCES

Bill No. 43-2008 - amending the Housing Permit Ordinance by reducing the number of Disruptive Conduct Reports needed for the eviction of the tenant(s) to two and increasing the appeal fee from \$50 to \$75 (**Council Public Safety Committee**) *Introduced at the May 12 regular meeting; Tabled at the May 27 regular meeting*

Ordinance - Setting Forth Its Intent To Issue A Series Of General Obligation Bonds, Series E Of 2008 Of The City In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of _____ Million _____ Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$_____)

Ordinance - Setting Forth Its Intent To Issue Two Series Of General Obligation Notes Designated As Series C Of 2008 And Series D Of 2008 Of The City In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of _____ Million _____ Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$_____)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – appointing John Caltagirone to the Legislative Aide Committee (**Administrative Oversight Committee**)

Resolution – appointing Sonia Nina to the Board of Health (**Administrative Oversight Committee**)

Resolution – appointing Janet Drayer to the Environmental Advisory Council (**Administrative Oversight Committee**)

Resolution – reappointing Lillie Mathies to the Reading Housing Authority (**Administrative Oversight Committee**)

Resolution – authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Administration and City Council for the construction project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (**Solicitor**) – *to be distributed on Monday*

PUBLIC COMMENT - GENERAL MATTERS

COUNCIL BUSINESS / COMMENTS

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, July 28th

Meeting with the Mayor – Mayor's Office at 4 pm
Committee of the Whole – Council Office at 5 pm
Regular Meeting – Council Chambers at 7 pm

Monday, August 4th

Meeting with the Mayor – Mayor's Office at 4 pm
Public Safety Committee – Council Office at 5 pm
Finance Committee – Council Office at 5 pm

Friday, August 8th

LRA Organizational Meeting – Penn Room at 11 a.m.

Monday, August 11th

Meeting with the Mayor – Mayor's Office at 4 pm
Committee of the Whole – Council Office at 5 pm
Regular Meeting – Council Chambers at 7 pm

Wednesday, August 20th

Zoning Public Hearing – Student Housing Council Chambers at 5 p.m.

BAC AND COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, July 28

DID Authority – Reading Eagle 3rd Floor Conference Room – noon
BARTA – BARTA Office – 3 pm
Northwest Neighborhood Assn – Wesley UMC – 6:30 pm
Charter Board – Penn Room – 7 pm
Penn's Commons Neighborhood Group – Penn Commons meeting room – 7 pm

Tuesday, July 29

Park and Recreation Advisory Committee – Olivets, 1161 Pershing Blvd – 6 pm

Monday, August 4

Centre Park Artifacts Bank – 705 N 5th St – noon
Shade Tree Commission – Planning Conference Room – 6 pm

Wyomissing Park Property Owners Assn – Member's homes – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 6

Reading Elderly Housing Crime Watch – Front & Washington Sts – 2:30 pm
District 2 Crime Watch – St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 7

Police Civil Service Board – Penn Room – noon
Glenside Community Council – Christ Lutheran Church – 6:30 pm
District 3 Crime Watch – Calvary Baptist Church – 7 pm
Legislative Aide Committee – Penn Room – 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 10

College Heights Community Council – Nativity Lutheran Church – 7 pm

Monday, August 11

Fire Civil Service Board – Penn Room – 4 pm
6th & Amity Neighborhood & Playground Assn – 6th & Amity Field House – 6:30 pm
Charter Board – Penn Room – 7 pm